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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

PPG INDUSTRIES OHIO INC., Petitioner,	
v.	Cancellation No. 92065156
AMERICOATS,	
Registrant.	

### REGISTRANT'S ANSWER TO PETITIONER'S PETITION FOR CANCELLATION

Registrant Americoats ("Registrant") hereby answers the Petition for Cancellation (the "Petition"), filed January 10, 2017, by PPG Industries Ohio Inc. ("Petitioner") as follows:

As to the allegations that Petitioner is damaged by the registration of Registrant's mark in the second sentence of the introductory paragraph of the Petition for Cancellation, Registrant specifically denies the allegation.

- 1. Registrant is without sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Petition, and on that basis denies such allegations.
- 2. Registrant is without sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the Petition, and on that basis denies such allegations.
- 3. Registrant is without sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of the Petition, and on that basis denies such allegations.
  - 4. Admitted.
- 5. Registrant is without sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of the Petition, and on that basis denies such allegations.

- 6. Registrant is without sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of the Petition, and on that basis denies such allegations.
- 7. Registrant is without sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of the Petition, and on that basis denies such allegations.
  - 8. Denied.
- 9. Registrant is without sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of the Petition, and on that basis denies such allegations.
- 10. Registrant is without sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 of the Petition, and on that basis denies such allegations.
- 11. Registrant refers to responses to the allegations in paragraphs 1-10 and incorporates by reference such responses as if set forth in full herein. To the extent that further response is required, Registrant denies the allegations set forth in Paragraph 11.
- 12. Registrant is without sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of the Petition, and on that basis denies such allegations.
- 13. Registrant is without sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of the Petition, and on that basis denies such allegations.
  - 14. Denied.
  - 15. Denied.

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### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

1. Petitioner fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, and in particular, fails to state legally sufficient grounds for sustaining the cancellation.

**WHEREFORE**, Registrant contends that the Petition for Cancellation is without grounds and respectfully requests that the Petition for Cancellation be dismissed in its entirety with prejudice.

Dated: February 21, 2017 Respectfully Submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and complete copy of REGISTRANT'S ANSWER TO

PETITIONER'S PETITION FOR CANCELLATION is being served by email and by mailing a copy
via first class USPS addressed to the following individuals, identified in the Petition for Cancellation
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